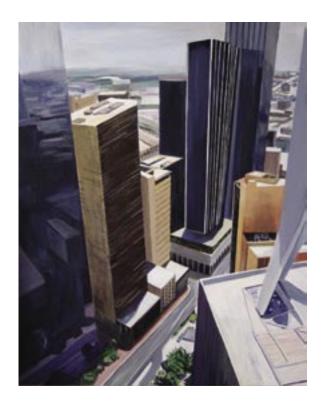


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#### THURSDAY MORNING, FEB. 9, 2006

Presiding Officer:

Harold F. Degenhardt, Dallas

8:00 a.m.

**Registration Opens** 

Includes continental breakfast.

8:50 a.m.

**Welcoming Remarks** 

9:00 a.m.

1.50 hr

#### Accessing the Capital Markets in 2006

The impact of the SEC's Securities Offering Reform rules on the capital-raising process plus a discussion of other current issues.

Martin P. Dunn, Washington, DC T. Mark Kelly, Houston

10:30 a.m.

**Break** 

10:45 a.m.

1.00 hr

## Increasing Regulation of Private Investment

The application of investment advisor rules and other regulations to hedge funds, VC Funds, and oil and gas deals, including exemption and compliance issues.

Denise Voigt Crawford, Austin Simon M. Lorne, New York, NY Fliot D. Raffkind, Dallas

#### 11:45 a.m.

Pick up Box Lunch

\*Please select on registration form; additional fee.

12:15 p.m.

Lunch Presentation .75 hr

#### SEC Initiative to Reduce Compliance Burdens on Small and Mid-Cap Public Companies

Learn the latest from the SEC's Advisory Committee established to examine the impact of Sarbanes-Oxley and other aspects of the federal securities laws on smaller public companies. The Committee has engaged in a comprehensive fact-finding process, made some interim recommendations to the Commission and will make its final recommendations to the Commission some time in the first quarter of 2006.

Herbert S. Wander, Chicago, IL

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Presiding Officer:

Charles Szalkowski, Houston

1:15 p.m.

.75 hr including .50 hr ethics

#### Government Investigations—What the Government Expects, Privilege Issues and How Best to Protect Your Company

This panel will discuss the government's expectations regarding cooperation and waiver of the privilege, how to limit the waiver and how to avoid allegations of spoliation and obstruction of justice.

Kenneth M. Breen, New York, NY Peggy A. Heeg, Houston

2:00 p.m.

.50 hr

## Responding to the New Enforcement Regime

Lessons learned from Justice Department and SEC enforcement efforts.

Mary Spearing, Washington, DC

2:30 p.m.

.75 hr

#### The Use, Advantages and Disadvantages of Standardized Deal Forms for Private Placements and Venture Capital Deals

Several organizations have now promulgated standardized venture capital and private placement deal papers—both to reduce costs and to alert unsophisticated clients (and lawyers) on what the current deal terms are and what they can expect will be viewed as "standard". What do these forms leave out? What room is left for customization? When are they unfair to one side or the other rather than straight down the middle?

Commentator: Charles Szalkowski, Houston Christopher T. Brown, Austin David Burton, Richardson

3:15 p.m.

Break

3:30 p.m.

.50 hr

## Key Issues and Checklists for Winding Up a Corporation, LLC or Partnership

Winding up business entities is often harder than it looks, particularly unincorporated entities, such as LLCs and partnerships. This session covers common missteps and omissions, referencing the new Business Organizations Code (BOC).

George W. Coleman, Dallas

4:00 p.m.

.50 hr

#### A Business Lawyer's Guide to Equity Compensation Issues

A discussion of developments in equity compensation issues and techniques, including coverage of the new IRS rules as applied to LLCs and Partnerships

Aaron Ball, Houston

4:30 p.m.

1.00 hr ethics

#### A Business and Securities Lawyer's Guide to Minimizing Malpractice Risks and Liability

A discussion of the Sarbanes-Oxley rules for lawyers; their relationship to the Texas Rules of Professional Responsibility; and the SEC's enhanced enforcement actions against attorneys.

Cullen M. "Mike" Godfrey, Austin Marc I. Steinberg, Dallas

5:30 p.m.

Adjourn

#### FRIDAY MORNING, FEB. 10, 2006

Presiding Officer: Charles Henry Still, Houston

8:30 a.m.

1.50 hr including .50 hr ethics

#### Corporate Governance and Fiduciary Duties: Key Issues and Developments Under Texas and Delaware Law

Duty of care, duty of supervision, executive compensation and other hot topics.

Moderator: Charles Henry Still, Houston R. Franklin Balotti, Wilmington, DE Hon. Myron T. Steele, Dover, DE

10:00 a.m.

Break

10:15 a.m.

1.50 hr including .50 hr ethics

## Recent Developments with Respect to M&A Activity

The panel will focus on how recent court decisions (principally in Delaware) affect M&A process, including auctions, duties to maximize stockholder value, special committees and fairness opinions; transaction structure, including when stockholder approval is required for an asset sale and appraisal rights of dissenting shareholders; whether DGCL § 102(b)(7) is an effective shield in M&A transactions; the standard of judicial review of an M&A transaction; the duty of candor in M&A transactions; and class voting requirements.

Moderator: Byron F. Egan, Dallas R. Franklin Balotti, Wilmington, DE Hon. Myron T. Steele, Dover, DE

Phone: 512-475-6700 Fax: 512-475-6876

#### 11:45 a.m. **Buffet Lunch** \* Please select on registration form; additional fee. 12:15 p.m. Lunch Presentation .75 hr SEC Enforcement: Major Changes Afoot or Staying the Course? Former SEC Director of Enforcement, Steve Cutler, will talk about where he thinks the Commission is headed in the enforcement arena. Stephen M. Cutler, Washington, DC FRIDAY AFTERNOON **Presiding Officer:** Douglas W. Clayton, Fort Worth 1:15 p.m. .50 hr An Empirical Look at Director Liability How often do outside directors pay damages or legal expenses personally in a shareholder lawsuit? How often do they face an actual trial? Both are rare. Most cases settle without personal payment. But how

## The Ins and Outs of Protecting Directors in the Post-Enron Era

rare are they? Evidence will be supplied.

Bernard S. Black, Austin

This session provides practical advice on how best to protect directors in the post-Enron era. In addition to covering risk and liability issues, this session provides planning and protective tools, including extensive analysis of the role and pitfalls in D&O insurance policies.

Michael M. Boone, Dallas Andrew M. Johnston, Wilmington, DE Ernest Martin, Jr., Dallas

3:15 p.m.

1:45 p.m.

.50 hr

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#### Changes to Texas Corporate Law and Director Duties Affected by the New Business Organizations Code

Find out if the rumors are true that the new Code makes a lot of changes to Texas corporate law, including the duties of directors.

Daryl B. Robertson, Dallas

3:45 p.m.

Adjourn

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The New Business Organizations Code Conference, February 8 at the Belo Mansion, brings together the key drafters of and leading experts on the new code for the definitive one-day program on how to practice effectively under the new BOC. Topics will include transitional issues, pitfalls and missed opportunities, vocabulary, HUB provisions, opinions, and more.

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February 3, 2006-5 p.m. last day for full refund

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February 8, 2006-9 a.m. **BOC** Conference begins

February 9, 2006-9 a.m. Securities Regulations Conference begins

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